BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS IN WESTERN WISCONSIN

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W-2 Contract and Implementation Committee
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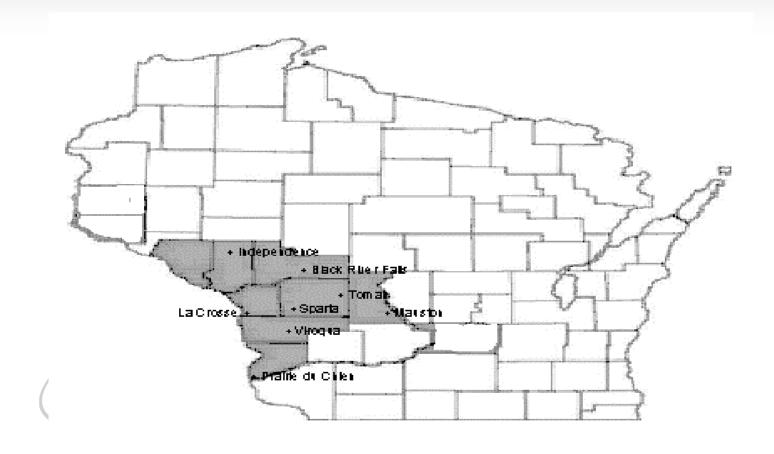
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• REGIONAL APPROACH TO BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

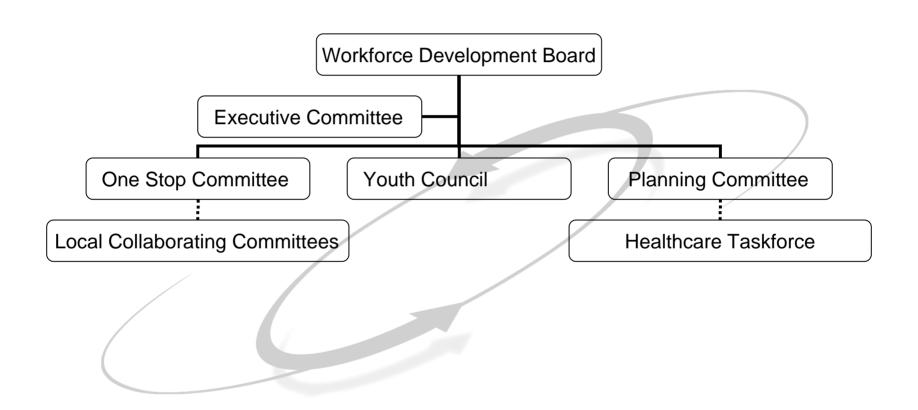
• W-2 WORKSITE DEVELOPMENT

STRUCTURE AND STRATEGY

WESTERN WISCONSIN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA



STRUCTURE OF THE WESTERN WDB



BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP STRATEGY

 Develop a regional approach to employer relationships through the One Stop System

BENEFITS TO A REGIONAL APPROACH

- Maximizes financial resources
- Highlights the resources at the Job Center
- Allows for consistent contact with the Business Community
- Works in concert with Job Center partners

- STRUCTURE AND STRATEGY
- ✓ REGIONAL APPROACH TO BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

THE APPROACH

- Call on employers at least quarterly
- Face to Face Contacts
- Goal: To Build Relationships

DISCUSS EMPLOYER NEEDS

- Workforce Issues
- Training Needs
- Hiring Strategies
- Current Requirements
- Basic Skill Requirements

DISCUSS JOB CENTER SERVICES

- Overview of Job Center Services
- Dislocations/Rapid Response
- Job Net
- Labor Market Information
- Community Resources
- EITC, etc.

ACT AS A CONDUIT

- Job Center Partners
- Department of Commerce
- Local Economic Development
- Chambers of Commerce
- Local Labor Organization
- Goal: Open the Door to Serve Participants

- STRUCTURE AND STRATEGY
- REGIONAL APPROACH TO BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS
- **✓ W-2 WORKSITE DEVELOPMENT**

COMMUNITY SERVICE JOBS

- Structure and variety in CSJ's
- Targeting and Planning of CSJ Placements
- Case Management/Monitoring of CSJ's
- Integration of Job Search Expectations

STRUCTURE AND VARIETY in CSJ's

Developing different types of CSJ's

Managing a CSJ placement

TARGETING AND PLANNING OF CSJ PLACEMENTS

W-2 Agency Discretion related to placement positions

Employability Plan is the key

CASE MANAGEMENT/MONITORING

- Participant Engagement
- Nature and Frequency of Contact
- Quality and Intensity of Supervision
- Regularly Scheduled 3 way meetings

JOB SEARCH EXPECTATIONS

• Links between CSJ and Unsubsidized

• Job Search Mechanism

AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT

- Regional approach may not work for all job center partners as each partner may have specific and unique needs
- Currently, all job center partners have an employer relations expectation within their contract, yet we all work under the umbrella of the Job Center concept. Would be good to look at some level of coordination between these contractual expectations so we are not overwhelming and confusing employers.

QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!